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NOTICE OF PRE-RULEMAKING WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FOR THE REVISION OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO
**PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR BACKFILLING EXCAVATIONS AND RECONTOURING LANDS
DISTURBED BY OPEN PIT SURFACE MINING OPERATIONS FOR METALLIC MINERALS**

APRIL 23, 2018

The SMGB will hold an informal pre-rulemaking workshop to discuss possible revisions to section 3704.1 of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Division 2, Chapter 8, Subchapter 1. Pursuant to the authority granted by the Legislature in Public Resources Code (PRC) section 2759, the State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) intends to review, and possibly revise, state policy pertaining to Performance Standards for Backfilling Excavations and Recontouring Lands Disturbed by Open Pit Surface Mining Operations for Metallic Minerals (hereinafter *Metallic Mine Backfill Regulations*). Fifteen years have passed since the adoption of the Metallic Mine Backfill Regulations, and the SMGB is now seeking public comments and suggestions to help guide pre-rulemaking considerations on possible revisions to the Metallic Mine Backfill Regulations. To assist in this effort, please provide comments and suggestions to the questionnaire found [here](#).

Workshop date and location:

May 9th, 2018 – 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
California Tower
3737 Main Street, Victoria Room #205
Riverside, CA 92501

Written comments and suggestions for revisions to the Metallic Mine Backfill Regulations associated with this pre-rulemaking workshop will be accepted by the SMGB until **June 9, 2018**. Comments may be provided by mail or email to:

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The SMGB anticipates multiple pre-rulemaking workshops and public comment periods to solicit comments and suggestions for possible revisions to the Metallic Mine Backfill Regulations. Following all pre-rulemaking workshops and public comment periods, should the SMGB choose to move forward with the formal rulemaking process and consider/implement comments and suggestions received in regards to the Metallic Mine Backfill Regulations, the regulatory language will be available for an additional formal 45-day public comment period. The SMGB will send notice to stakeholders when the comment period is to begin.